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## TRAIRMEN AGREE TO CALL STRIKE OFF

Contingent Upon Congress Passing Bill Providing for an Eight Hour Day With Ten Hour Pay

NO INCREASE PROVIDED FOR OVERTIME WORK

The Change is to Become Effective December, or January 1—

It is Proposed to Have a Small Commission Appointed by the President to Investigate the Working of the Law From Six to Nine Months and Report to Congress—The Measure Will be Voted on in the House at 4:30 P. M. Today, and Will be Immediately Taken Up by the Senate—Belief is Growing in All Quarters in Washington That the Proposals Will Lead to a Satisfactory Settlement.

Washington, Aug. 31. — Relief grew in all quarters here tonight that the great railroad strike called for next Monday morning would be averted. At the close of a day of conferences and hearings, congress apparently was prepared to pass tomorrow or Saturday the eight hour legislation which heads of the employees' brotherhoods have declared officially will cause them to telegraph the code message necessary to revoke the strike order.

Although President Wilson still desires strongly to see his whole legislative program accepted, and democratic leaders in the senate have ideas of their own about what should be done, administration spokesmen virtually conceded tonight that the bill finally passed would provide only for:

What Bill Provides For. An eight hour day for trainmen in interstate commerce, effective December 1 or January 1, with the present ten hour rate of pay and pro-rata overtime, and a small commission appointed by the president to investigate the working of the law from six to nine months and report to congress.

This, with the date December 1, is in substance the Adamson bill, revised by Representative Adamson and Democratic Leader Kitchen after conference with President Wilson and which A. B. Garretson, spokesman for the brotherhoods, stated formally late today would be considered a "satisfactory settlement" and prevent the walk-out. Tonight the senate interstate commerce committee agreed to report out a similar bill, with the date January 1 and roads under 100 miles in length and electric street railway and interurban lines exempted.

House Votes at 4:30 p. m. Today. The house will meet at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning to take up the Adamson measure and the majority leaders have agreed upon a special rule providing for the bill to be reported out at the afternoon session and at 10 o'clock to begin consideration of its committee's bill, with the administration leaders determined to keep the body in continuous session until it is passed.

Only four speeches in the senate can prevent prompt action and the administration is confident that minority leaders will not carry their opposition so far as to make it impossible to get through the bill by midnight Saturday night. President Wilson will be in his room when the senate meets and is arranged to spend all the forenoon there adding in putting the legislation through. At three o'clock in the afternoon he left for his summer home in New Jersey, where on Saturday he is to be notified formally of his nomination for re-election. A special messenger will be started for Shadow Lawn with the eight hour bill as soon as it is passed and the president will sign it there.

Senate Committee Meets Magnates. While the senate committee today was holding a nine hour meeting at which representatives of the railroads, the employees and the shippers gave their views on the situation and proposed legislation, the president held frequent conferences with members of congress and sent for brotherhood leaders to operate trains to resuming the strike order.

When the trainmen left, the White House authorized the statement that they had given no assurance that it was indicated the president still intended, if it became necessary as a last resort, to address a public appeal to the nation for the resumption of the strike on patriotic grounds to have the strike called off.

Although the programme for action in the house was clearly outlined with out delay, it was not until late tonight that a definite idea of what the senate would have before it tomorrow was obtainable. When its hearings closed, the interstate commerce committee went into what promised to be an all-night session to consider the various legislative proposals before it, including the president's whole programme with its provisions for preventing strikes pending investigation and for the drafting of men to operate trains in case of military necessity. All day the house leaders had been declaring that these provisions never could be enacted and near midnight it was learned that the senate committee had decided it would not be advisable to submit them at this time. The committee agreed to report a bill substantially to the Adamson measure, with the effective date of the eight hour provision January 1, instead of December 1, and with roads under 200 miles long exempted.

Senator Brannan, a republican committee member, expressed the opinion that the bill could be passed by tomorrow night.

LEGISLATION PROPOSED TO PREVENT STRIKE

Argued Before the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Representatives of the railroads, of the train-

## Cabled Paragraphs

Russian Warships at Constanza. London, Aug. 31, 8.31 p. m.—Russian warships have arrived at Constanza, Rumania, says a Reuter despatch from Petrograd.

BOSTON GETS NEXT G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT. Portland, Ore., and Houston, Tex., Were the Other Contenders.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 31.—The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1917 will be held at Boston. This was decided here late today at a business meeting at Convention hall of the Civil War veterans attending the present encampment. Portland, Ore., and Houston, Tex., were the other contenders.

The veterans also adopted resolutions petitioning congress to accept of the pending legislation regarding pensions. The election of a new national commander-in-chief will take place tomorrow.

The "dog watch" of the National Association of Naval Veterans, held at Convention hall tonight, brought together hundreds of the men who fought the sea and river battles of the Civil war.

Business sessions of the eight auxiliary organizations were held today. Mrs. Ida K. Martin, Minneapolis, was elected president of the Woman's Relief corps. William T. Church, Chicago, of the Sons of Veterans; Edward L. Graves, Bridgeport, Conn., senior vice commander; L. L. Roberts, Kansas City, junior vice commander; and the Sons of Veterans' auxiliary named Mrs. M. E. Clotier of Rock Island, Ill., as national president.

GERMANY MAKES THREAT OF REPRISALS. Protest Against Russian Treatment of German Prisoners.

Berlin, Aug. 31 (By Wireless to Sayville).—The German government, according to the Overseas News agency, has addressed a vigorous protest to the Russian government "against the barbarous treatment of prisoners of war and has asked for an immediate cessation thereof. It is announced that if no satisfactory answer is received from the Russian government within a definite period of time, the German government will be taken by the German government.

The government's demand of money, the news agency says, has been transmitted to the powers protecting German interests in Petrograd in order to allow the release of the prisoners.

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, under the heading "Hell in Russia," today prints sensational details of the alleged torture suffered by war prisoners at the hands of the Russian authorities.

SENATE AMENDS THE EMERGENCY REVENUE BILL. Strikes Out Taxes on Raw Materials Used in Making Munitions.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The munitions section of the emergency revenue bill was reached in the senate today and amendments were unanimously adopted striking out the proposed tax on cotton, rubber and certain other raw materials used in the making of war munitions.

During the debate Senator Penrose, Republican of Pennsylvania, charged that the bill was forcing through sectional legislation and drew a sharp reply from Senator Stone, Democrat of New York.

Statistics were obtained by Commissioner Woods from the various railroads entering the metropolis showing the upward of 9,000 tons of food are brought here weekly. Much of this is perishable. The department of health estimated that more than \$25,000 cars, or 140 carloads of food alone are required by the city's inhabitants weekly. Estimates of the city's needs of flour ran from 100,000 to 150,000 barrels per week.

It was announced that by Saturday approximately \$140,000,000 worth of provisions, enough to last six weeks, would be stored by the city to safeguard against possible food shortage in the 15 institutions under the care of the department of charities. Arrangements were made to bring fresh milk here by automobile.

DENIED PETITION TO RESTRAIN RAILROAD TRAINMEN

Cheyenne, Wyo., Judge Denies Petition of a Conductor.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Aug. 31.—Judge John A. Grider of the United States court for Wyoming this afternoon denied a petition of George W. Argue, a conductor for an order restraining the officers of five divisions of the Oregon and California Railway from issuing and enforcing an order to strike. The divisions embrace the Union Pacific.

LAUNCHED SUBMARINE FAST IN A MUDBANK

At the Plant of the California Shipbuilding Company.

Long Beach, Cal., Aug. 31.—The United States submarine L-6 still was fast tonight in a mudbank in which it stuck after being launched early today at the plant of the California Shipbuilding company. Several attempts to free the vessel, which is resting at an angle of about 45 degrees, proved unsuccessful. Thus far, it was said, the submersible had not been damaged.

COTTON CROP EQUIVALENT TO 11,800,000 BALES.

Forecast Sent Out by the Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Aug. 31.—A cotton crop of 11,800,000 equivalent 500-pound bales was forecast today by the department of agriculture, basing its estimate on the condition of the crop on Aug. 25. The condition of the crop on Aug. 25 was 92 per cent. of a normal. Compared with 72.3 last month, 63.2 last year, and 72.5, the available for the last ten years, on Aug. 25.

FIVE AUTOMOBILE TRUCKS LOADED WITH ART TREASURES

Arrive in Hartford to Be Placed in Morgan Memorial Building.

## Ford Co. Profit Million a Week

BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR TOTAL—LED \$206,867,347

EMPLOYS 49,870 MEN

The Year's Profit Was \$59,994,118—Of the Men Employed 36,626 Are Receiving \$5 Per Day or More—More Than 27,000 Men Are Employed in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 31.—A profit of more than \$1,000,000 a week was made by the Ford Motor Company during the year which ended July 31 according to the financial statement made public today.

The year's business totaled \$286,867,347; the year's profit was \$59,994,118. Cash in hand and in banks totaled \$52,530,771. In 1915 the total was \$48,300,000.

Total men employed in all plants is able cash was \$6,400,100. Of these, 36,626 are receiving \$5 per day or more, the statement says. More than 27,000 of these men are employed in Detroit.

Henry Ford stated that most of the profit will be used in expanding the company's business.

GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING RETALIATORY LEGISLATION

For Interference With American Trade by the Entente Allies.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Retaliatory legislation striking at the commerce of the entente allies in support of diplomatic protests against interferences with American trade has been decided upon as a general policy of the government after extended conferences between state department officials and members of the senate.

Up to now, a high official pointed out, the United States has relied solely on the equity of its case and the sense of justice of the belligerent nations, but despite frequent protests on various phases of the allies' conduct, the principle of this government's policy is to retaliate.

Consequently, this official declared, the government has reached the limit of its patience in reliance on direct diplomacy and has decided after discussions with the senate to prohibit the importation into this country of products which cannot be imported into foreign countries from the United States. This is aimed directly at the British embargo restricting the shipment of American tobacco, which is said to be an article of the British.

TO SAVE SKEEFINGTON. ORDER CASE TOO LATE

Mandate Not to Remove Prisoners from the Guard Room Just After Editor Was Shot.

Dublin, Aug. 31.—Lieutenant Dobbin, commander of the guard on the occasion of the shooting of P. Sheehy, a member of the Irish Citizen Army, and two companions in the Dublin rebellion last Easter, testified before the commission of inquiry today.

The lieutenant said that when Captain Bowen-Colthurst (who was found guilty but insane at his trial for the shooting) told him he was taking the prisoners from the witness stand, he shot them, he immediately sent Lieutenant Wilson to the adjutant to report on the action of Captain Bowen-Colthurst.

Just as Lieutenant Wilson returned with an order instructing the captain to take the prisoners from the guard room, the witness said, he heard shots in the yard. Later going into the yard he saw the prisoners, who had been shot, lying on the ground.

EASTERN LEAGUE TO END SEASON SEPT. 16.

There Had Been Some Talk of Closing Labor Day.

New Haven, Conn., Sept. 1.—Directors of the Eastern Baseball League, meeting this morning, decided to continue the playing schedule until September 16, the date officially set for the end of the season. There had been some talk of ending the season on Labor day.

The directors discussed, at considerable length, the threatened railroad strike and planned to transport the teams by automobile in case of strike being declared.

President Murnane presided and all the clubs were represented with the exception of Lowell. It was voted that the protection fee of \$50 for territorial rights be deposited with the president today.

"MATTY MCINTYRE, NOTED JOCKEY, MEETS SUDDEN DEATH

Either Fell or Jumped From a Hotel Window in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 31.—Andrew Hockins, who was killed when he fell or jumped from a hotel window here last Monday, was identified today as "Matty" McIntyre, under which name he was noted as jockey. Not long ago he was ruled from the track at Hot Springs.

Coroner's jury was unable to determine whether his death was due to accident or suicide. His father, Matthew Hockins of Hastings, Ontario, is said to be on his way here.

## Condensed Telegrams

Ten cases of Asiatic cholera were reported at Tokio.

Street car railway employees at Quebec, went on strike.

Henry Joseph Harpignies, of France, noted painter, is dead.

Exports of general merchandise at the port of New York Tuesday totaled \$10,608,240.

W. F. H. Koelsch, was elected president of the New York Credit Men's Association.

Exports from Nottingham, England, for the first six months of 1916 totaled \$6,407,060.

President Wilson recommended the promotion of Rear Admiral S. Benson to the rank of admiral.

Chancellor von Bothman-Hellweg has left army headquarters for a conference with the Kaiser.

All tablets commemorating the Kaiser's visits to Rome were removed by the Italian Government.

The Swedish steamers Tor and Regal have been seized by a German torpedo boat and taken to a German port.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Co., announced that the quarterly dividend will be paid on Aug. 31 to 99,722 stockholders.

The battleships of the Atlantic fleet left Newport, R. I., for Chesapeake Bay to engage in target practice beginning Sept. 12.

The American schooner Lucia Porter, from St. John, N. B., for Las Palmas, was reported waterlogged and abandoned.

Railway materials and equipment valued at \$75,000,000 were exported from the United States in the year ending June 30.

Picking of California fruit for east-shipment has been practically discontinued because of the threatened railroad strike.

The West Shore Railroad has hired between 500 and 900 strikebreakers to replace the 200 freight handlers who struck on Monday.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has ordered 10,000 blankets, which will be used by men who will take the places of striking trainmen.

The governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange has rejected the petition of the members for an extra holiday on Saturday.

The Lackawanna Railroad sent out agents to all points with posters calling the attention of the traveling public to the impending strike.

Senator La Follette's primary campaign statement shows contributions of \$3,314, all from individuals, and expenditures thus far of \$2,565.

Two million five hundred thousand dollars in gold was received at the Treasury Office from Canada for the account of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The annual state convention of the grand lodge of Connecticut, Order of Hurugari, was held at Hartford yesterday with 120 delegates present.

Mrs. Edward Purcell, of Brooklyn, was struck and instantly killed by a trolley car near Leonard's crossing, between Saratoga and Ballston.

A contribution of \$25,000 by Fritz Achells, of New York, to complete the building of an American Red Cross base hospital unit was announced.

Three murderers, Joseph E. Hanel, of Brooklyn; Thomas Bambrick of Manhattan and Jan Trybus of Batavia, N. Y., were electrocuted this morning.

A bill by Representative Smith of New York, authorizing private construction of a bridge across the Niagara River at or near Buffalo passed the house.

Surrogate Colahan appointed Paul H. Burns as temporary administrator of the estate of George H. Huber, who made a fortune of \$1,000,000 in dime museums.

Members of the National Guard from Maine, on duty at the Mexican border, will assemble at Laredo, Tex., on Sept. 12 to vote in the Maine election on that date.

The body of Terrence Lyons, of New York, who was drowned while cruising up the Hudson in a motor boat, was recovered off the Valvoline Oil Co.'s pier, at Edgewater, N. J.

Dr. D. S. Armstrong, of New York, arrived in Massachusetts to search for a town of about 100,000 population on which to expend \$150,000 for a scientific test in stamping out tuberculosis.

## AUSTRIANS FORCED BACK TO 2ND LINE

Where Rumanian Troops Have Broken Through Mountains on Border of Transylvania

ACTIVE ALONG LINE OF LOWER CARPATHIANS

Russians are Marching Through Dobruza, Either to Strike Bulgaria North of Varna or to Aid the Rumanians Invading Transylvania—In Volhynia the Russians Have Repulsed a German Attack Northwest of Kovel With Severe Losses—Bad Weather Retards Operations in France—On All Fronts During the Month of August the British Lost Approximately 128,000 Men, Killed Wounded and Missing.

Artillery continues active on all the battle fronts of Europe, but only on the Transylvanian-Rumanian border has the infantry been engaged to any great extent. Bad weather hampers operations in France; the Russians and Austro-Germans on the eastern front are resting; as are the entente allied forces and the armies of the central powers in Macedonia and the Austrians and the Italians have yet to renew their desperate fighting of a few weeks ago along the Isonzo.

Along the whole line of the lower Carpathians, from the Iron Gate to the border of Bukovina, the Rumanian armies are reported unofficially to be attacking the Austro-Hungarian forces. This is admitted from Vienna, the same report says, have retired to the second fortified line of their defenses.

Northeast of Kronstadt, the Austro-Hungarians have taken new positions west of Csik Szreda on the Atula river, after fighting with the Rumanians. The Rumanians have broken through the mountains on the eastern border of Transylvania, and the British army list for August are names of 4,711 officers and 128,234 men of other ranks.

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